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Filed:	Herewith	Examiner:	N.A.
Assignee:	Olin Corporation and Wieland-Werke AG		
Title:	SILVER CONTAINING COPPER ALLOY		

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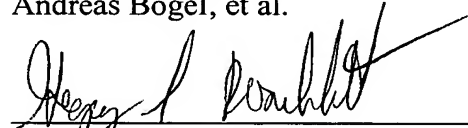
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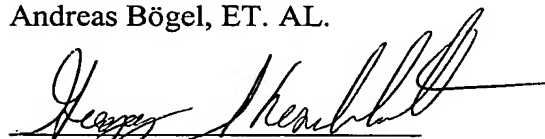
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